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Dear Neighbor,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. With the winter holiday season behind us and spring on the horizon, it is a natural time to reflect on 2022 and what we have to look forward to in 2023. The past year has been a year of recovery after the pandemic, and 2023 is our year to rebuild our city stronger than it was pre-pandemic.

In the last year, I was able to lead the effort to restore cuts proposed to our fire and library services as chair of the Common Council's Finance and Personnel Committee, all while working to ensure our city is financially stable long term.

We have also worked to significantly improve road safety for all. The city has begun to implement rapid traffic calming measures where they are most needed, so you have likely encountered some of these changes, including bump outs and curb extensions, along Oklahoma Ave., and the addition of speed tables along Superior St. These are just some of the improvements already made with more on the way.

Supporting families remains a priority, and I was proud to lead the charge to ensure that \$7 million of our city's ARPA funding went to our early childhood educators and care providers, as these workers gave everything to make sure our families and workplaces were able to succeed in spite of the many trials 2020 presented us with.

These are just some of the pressing issues our office has addressed in the last year, many of which have been advocated for by neighbors. I thank you for your continued input and encourage you to read about these efforts and others in the pages that follow.

Finally, I invite you to attend our upcoming town hall at the Humboldt Park Pavilion at 10 a.m. on February 11. It is always a pleasure to have the opportunity to serve as your representative at the City, and I look forward to seeing you out in the district.

In service,

Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic



Committee Assignments

Chair

- Finance and Personnel Committee

Member

- Steering and Rules Committee
- Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee
- Community and Economic Development Committee

View meetings online:

milwaukee.gov/citychannel

Town Hall Save-The-Date

SAT FEBRUARY 11, 2023

Town Hall Meeting

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Humboldt Park Pavilion
3000 S. Howell Ave.

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Creating Safer Roadways

Reckless driving continues to be an issue that is impacting all parts of our city. Last year, our district saw a variety of roadway improvements on the east and west sides of District 14 that made streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists, those using public transit, and motorists alike. These enhancements continue the trend of making our roads less car dominant and more accessible for everyone.

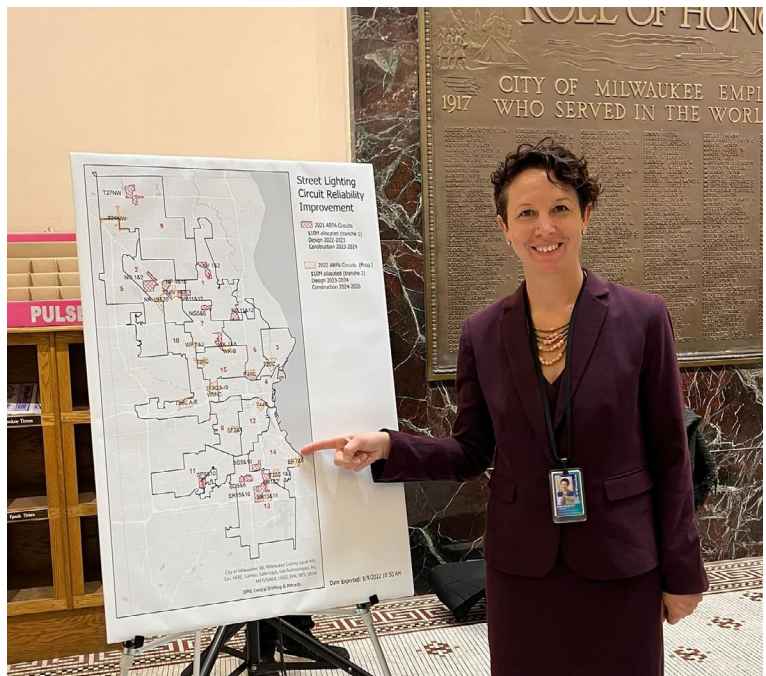
The Department of Public Works (DPW) used funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to implement improvements on Oklahoma Ave., including pinned-on curb extensions and pedestrian refuge islands on Oklahoma Ave. near Humboldt Park. These enhancements shorten the distance for pedestrians to cross the street while making it more difficult for drivers to pass on the right. This work will continue through spring 2023.

Additionally, \$3.5 million was allocated in State-controlled ARPA funding to the city for reckless driving mitigation projects. \$1 million of which has been committed by DPW to addressing Safe Routes to Schools across Milwaukee. In 2023—to help calm traffic near Parkside School and the Humboldt Park entrance—a raised crosswalk will be installed on Howell Ave.

The DPW has also secured grant funding to improve a 1.5-mile stretch of W. Oklahoma Ave. from S. 6th St. to S. 27th St. The grant will support the creation of new pedestrian crossing islands, curb extensions, bus bulbs, crosswalk markings, lane striping changes, buffered or protected bike lanes, and signage. Additionally, speed tables (which can be installed on busier streets and include a less pronounced arch than speed bumps) were installed along S. Superior St. near South Shore Park. ■



Ald. Dimitrijevic with Mayor Johnson and DPW leadership on the new curb extension on Oklahoma Ave.



Ald. Dimitrijevic at a press conference touting streetlight infrastructure improvements to be made with ARPA dollars in D14 and citywide.



Example of a raised crosswalk — the type of enhancement to be installed on Howell Ave.

Bay View Neighborhood Plan

The Bay View Neighborhood Plan is nearing completion. This Plan will set the vision for land use and development for years to come. Since the third community meeting in July, DCD has attended neighborhood events to solicit additional input on the draft recommendations and reached out directly to residents near the former Army Reserve site (Logan and Lincoln) regarding upcoming redevelopment options. Resident involvement has been unprecedented! Thank you for sharing your feedback about what you want to see in YOUR neighborhood! A date hasn't been set yet for the fourth and final community meeting, but expect news soon on an early Spring date.

View the draft recommendations on the project website:
engagemke.com/bayview



View the full proposal at: engagemke.com/zillman-park

Zillman Park Update

Zillman Park, located on the north edge of Bay View at the intersection of Kinnickinnic and Ward, has been undergoing a process to enhance recreational opportunities and redevelop the park as a multi-functional and inter-generational public space through the MKE Plays program.

After much thought and public input, the conceptual plan is now available to be viewed! Developed by the Department of Public Works and Quorum Architects based on feedback, the park would include 22,960 square feet of lawn area, 9,235 square feet of paved plaza space, 1,595 square feet of platformed wood space, and 1,525 square feet of native garden area, in addition to an open-aired shelter.

Return of the Bay View Bash & Big Truck Day

After a two year hiatus due to COVID-19, our community welcomed back the Bay View Bash in September. The celebration that highlights local food, music, art, commerce, and community organizations was a welcome occurrence to close out the summer.

New this year, I worked with the Department of Public Works to host Big Truck Day at the Bay View Bash. Big Truck Day allowed children and their families to take a closer look at the equipment the city uses for day-to-day operations and careers that come with them. I want to thank all those who helped make the Bay View Bash possible, and the Department of Public Works for their support of Big Truck Day that helps educate children and encourages careers in public service.



Paid Parental Leave

Last year I worked to craft legislation to implement a paid parental leave policy for city employees, and on February 8, 2022 the Common Council adopted this legislation. I later joined Mayor Johnson as he formally signed the policy into effect. The policy states that an eligible employee is entitled up to six weeks of paid parental leave for any qualifying events once every calendar year.

As the mother of two, it wasn't long ago that I experienced the challenges of childbirth and raising a newborn. I know how critical this time is for a child's development, a mother's healing, and a family's opportunity to bond. And that's why a paid parental leave policy is so important to city employees, and

why I am incredibly proud to have championed this effort. I want to thank all of the community partners and stakeholders who contributed their time and effort in helping me craft this policy.

Research has shown that parental leave is beneficial for mothers, families and the development of children, and I am incredibly proud that the City can lead by example on this issue and establish parental leave as a benefit for all of our employees, while giving our children the strongest start possible on their pathway to success. Not only will paid parental leave help to support families when they need it most, but it can also serve as a tool for us to attract and retain top-tier talent in the City workforce. ▀



Investment in Early Childhood Education

When the Common Council was allocating federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars I was a staunch advocate of ensuring money was directed to support early childhood education efforts locally. In November, the Early Childhood Workforce Stipend Program, developed by the Milwaukee Early Childhood Education Coalition and facilitated by the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association, officially launched thanks to these ARPA dollars.

The program provides eligible early childhood education workers with a \$1,500 stipend in three installments. As a mother I cannot think of a better investment of our ARPA funds to rebuild post-pandemic. This money will help mostly women caregivers succeed, stabilize childcare in the city, and most importantly ensure that our children can thrive.



Ald. Dimitrijevic, Ald. Spiker, and Mayor Johnson visit Yimma's Bright Beginnings Daycare, 5262 S. 9th St.

For additional information, including eligibility requirements and application instructions, please visit wisconsinearlychildhood.org. Those that have questions or are in need of additional assistance can email mkestipend@wisconsinearlychildhood.org or call (608) 230-8005. ▀

Alert Neighbor Program

At the end of 2022, the Polonia Morgandale Block Watch Club received funding from the city's Alert Neighbor Program, a partnership between neighborhood block clubs, the Milwaukee Police Department, the City of Milwaukee, and local non-profits to create a safer community.

In addition to physical improvements in the area, such as the installation of Ring cameras, the block watch club will develop and implement strategies such as reporting criminal activity, holding regular neighborhood meetings, and planning neighborhood improvement projects to reduce safety concerns.

Congrats to these dedicated residents for their hard work that helps create a safer community!



Summer Safety Walks

As the weather began to warm up prior to the start of summer, we launched a series of safety walks throughout the district. These walks were a proactive form of outreach to promote unity and hear from residents, while also helping build relationships and create a closer sense of community.

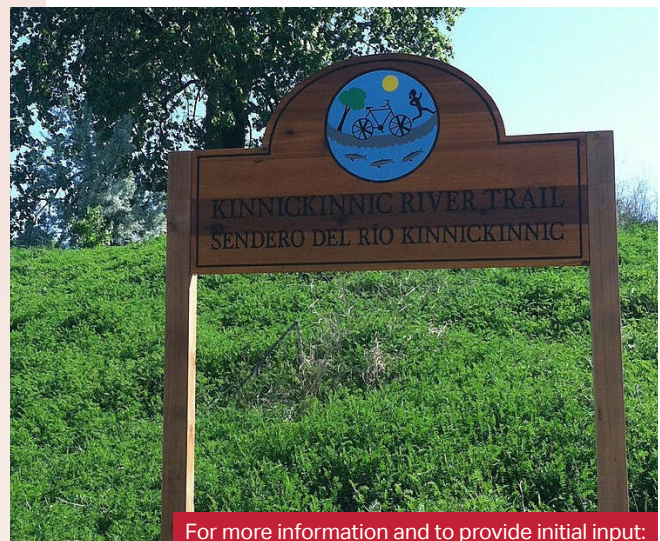
These walks featured officers from the Milwaukee Police Department and other city staff to help survey the areas in which we walked. On our fifth and final walk near Ohio Park we were joined by Mayor Cavalier Johnson who shares my philosophy that you shouldn't have to come to City Hall to see your elected officials.

Kinnickinnic River Trail Connection Project

The City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works has launched the Kinnickinnic River Trail Connection project, which will install up to two miles of all ages and abilities (AAA) bike facilities to connect the two disconnected sections of the Kinnickinnic River Trail and provide connections to other trails and on-street bike infrastructure.

Simultaneously, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) is partnering with the City of Milwaukee, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center, and others to make improvements along the Kinnickinnic River between S. 6th Street and S. 16th Street. Over the last year, MMSD received nearly 1,000 responses from the public regarding two project surveys. The responses defined how the community would like to see this space as well as the extension of the Kinnickinnic River trail.

Public engagement will be held in early 2023. Construction is expected in 2024.



For more information and to provide initial input:
engagemke.com/kkrt-connections



The 14th District is home to a wide array of top tier businesses covering the food and beverage space, retail, entertainment, and so much more.

Supporting businesses in our backyard, many of which are owned and operated by district residents, and uplifting their stories is exactly why I launched 'Around the 14th' shortly after taking office. This series is one small way in which we can support the local entrepreneurs doing so much to contribute to the vibrancy of our district. —Alderwoman Dimitrijevic

To date we have visited nearly 50 businesses districtwide. I look forward to continuing this initiative, and if you would like us to stop by your business, please contact our office at: marina@milwaukee.gov. ▀



Shock Treatment Electric Tattoo, 2657 S. Howell Ave.



Plume, 3001 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.



Tortilleria El Sol, 3458 S. 13th St.



Supermoon Beer Company, 3145 S. Howell Ave.

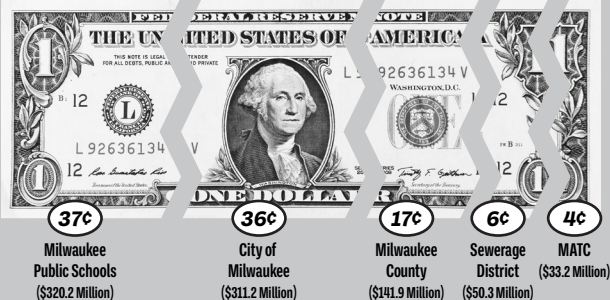


Nestling House, 3200 S. Howell Ave.

Building a Budget for Everyone

As chair of the Common Council's Finance and Personnel Committee, I helped oversee the direction of the 2023 City budget, a process that we spent months debating and amending. Milwaukee remains in a tenuous fiscal situation, and as such, the 2023 budget required us to do more with less. Because vital public services were being impacted, I wanted to make sure resident input was a focus of everything we did, and we created a new public input session to allow residents to share their thoughts. ■

Your Property Taxes Support Five Local Governments



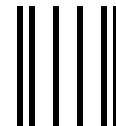
In November, the budget process concluded, and the action taken by the Common Council included:

- Restoring funding for library and fire services that were cut in the Mayor's proposed budget.
- \$2 million to complete the funding package to redevelop the South Shore Cruise Dock with a request for proposal expected to be issued in early 2023.
- Additional funding for fresh food access throughout Milwaukee.
- Increased funding for vacant lot maintenance.
- Support for the MKE Community Excellence Special Purpose Account that provides resources to support community events that promote peace and violence prevention.

Dear Neighbor,

As I shape my priorities as the District 14 Alderwoman, it is crucial that I hear from you about the issues that affect you and your community most. Please provide input on what is important to you. Then please detach and mail back this POSTAGE FREE survey card. If you would like to discuss this more at length, please call my office at **(414) 286-3769**.

Thank you —
Alderwoman
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Shortly before Thanksgiving, we hosted third graders from the Parkside School of the Arts in our district in City Hall! Ms. Jen's class has been learning about the separate branches of government and democracy.

We started with a tour of our beautiful City Hall, an introduction to the legislative branch in our Common Council Chambers, students voted in a mock election held by our Election Commission, and we ended the tour at Mayor Cavalier Johnson's office! Please contact our office if you'd like to organize a class visit to City Hall.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

1. If the city needs to cut services due to financial constraints, which services do you find most valuable and least valuable?

MOST _____

LEAST _____

2. List the top three ways you think we can improve quality of life in Milwaukee.

3. What new municipal resources or amenities would you like to see in your neighborhood?

4. How would you prefer to receive updates from our office?

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